Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Patsy and Robb Keech founded Spare Key in 1997 after the death of their 2 ½ year old son, Derian, who was born with a genetic birth defect; and,

Whereas, When a child is critically ill or seriously injured and hospitalized for long periods of time, some families must make the difficult choice between continuing to work to pay their bills, or being at the hospital to care for their child; and,

Whereas, As a result of the commitment of generous individuals, companies, and foundations, today, Spare Key provides assistance to families in four states, including South Dakota, who have critically ill or seriously injured children by providing a housing grant on the family's behalf, allowing them to spend time with their child; and,

Whereas, Since 1997, Spare Key has assisted nearly 3,000 families who are facing a medical crisis with their child with a housing grant; and,

Whereas, Since 2013, Spare Key expanded to South Dakota where it has served 97 families throughout 41 cities and 26 counties in the state; and,

Whereas, September 15, 2015, will mark the 18th year anniversary of Spare Key:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2015, as

SPARE KEY DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State